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The registration and the medical examination which was accomplished in conjunction with it took place in one of the plant training rooms. MEZ employees close to fifty years, were present.

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2.

the men were not processed in a body but at an assigned time throughout a two-day period. MEZ employed approximately 2,500 men and women. Out of this total, about 500 to 700 were females. Approximately three-fourths of the males were in the 25-30 age group and the remainder were over 30 years.

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3. An introductory pep talk was given to those present by Misarek (fnu), who was superintendent of the Vsetin elementary school and an official of the local or district national committee. He was formerly a member of the Social Democratic Party and became an active Communist who was often called upon to give speeches at Party meetings. Misarek told them that it was necessary that the older male population with no previous military service be trained in handling weapons in order to know how to protect themselves against paratroopers who might be dropped in Czechoslovakia in case of war.

4. After this speech, the group started processing. At the first station they were given blood pressure tests by two civilian females and also received a bottle for urinalysis. At the next station their names and some personal data were noted.

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After this, two civilian doctors checked each individual for TB and heart trouble and asked whether he had any other ailments. this physical examination was very superficial. No X-rays were taken; ears and teeth were not checked, nor was any inoculation given.

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An army officer (details of rank and uniform unknown) handed Military Book with instructions to notify the nearest military headquarters when leaving his residence for a long period of time or when travelling to foreign countries. He was also admonished not to lose the Military Book.

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the Military Book contained only his name and a few other personal data (exact details unknown), and his physical classification.

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There were no entries pertaining to the unit to which he was assigned, duties which he was to perform, or type of training he was to receive.

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8.

military training of reservists from MEZ was to be conducted at Zdechov (N 49-16, E 18-04) after normal working hours. (The MEZ plant operated between 0600 and 1400 hours.) Men were to be transported there by trucks. No one ever mentioned the type or amount of military training that was to be given, type of weapons that were to be used, when training was to commence, and who was to conduct it.

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it was a nation-wide practice to call all men below the age of 51 years who were not yet registered, to register at draft boards. Had this not been the case and should such a conscription have taken place only in Vsetin or even only at MEZ Vsetin, it would have caused much more public attention than it did.

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